

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: **PROCESS FOR BACTERIAL ) Customer No. 35489**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 17, 2009 in connection with the above-identified patent application (Confirmation No. 5652). The present Response is accompanied by a Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time, and an unsigned Declaration of Michael Lard under 37 C.F.R. §1.132.

Although no claim amendments are made, the claims are reproduced for the Examiner's convenience.

**Claims** begin on page **2** of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page **6** of this paper.